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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.99, it is requested that the reference(s) listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be made of record in the above-identified application. Copies of the references are submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a).

In an Information Disclosure Statement filed July 17, 2000, US Patent 5,620,905 was incorrectly listed as 5,620,095. Therefore, please change the patent to 5,620,905 on the Form-PTO 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e), it is certified that either (1) each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement, or (2) no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign patent application

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C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement.

Submitted herewith is the requisite fee of \$180.00 and it is requested that this be treated as a petition for consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement. Hence, it is requested that the references submitted herewith be considered and made of record in the subject application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16, 1.17, 1.20(a), 1.20(b), 1.20(c), and 1.20(d) (except the Issue Fee) which may be required now or hereafter, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-2380. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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Each item of information in the attached Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from the Japanese Patent Office (dated October 24, 2000) in the corresponding Japanese Priority Patent Applications. Further, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrent with a Request For Continued Examination.

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